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provide a wide angle view of an area rearwards of the vehicle wherein said wide angle optical system comprises non-symmetrical optics; and

wherein said display system displays a rearward image output of said image capture device when the gear actuator of the vehicle selects a reverse gear to operate the vehicle in reverse and wherein said display of said rearward image output of said image capture device is disabled when the vehicle's gear actuator is not in reverse gear.

In Claim 116, line 1:

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In Claim 118, line 1:

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In Claim 120, line 1:

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In Claim 121, line 1:

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In Claim 123, line 1:

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In Claim 124, line 1:

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In Claim 127, line 1:

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In Claim 128, line 1:

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In Claim 129, line 1:

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In Claim 130, line 1:

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In Claim 131, line 1:

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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 30, 2000, has been carefully considered together with each of the references cited therein. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's careful review of the specification, drawings, and claims and request reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Amendments presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been entered.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 50-111 and 113-151 remain in the application. Claim 112 has been cancelled. Claims 50-111 and 132-151 have been allowed. Claim 115 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have rewritten Claim 115 in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully urge that Claim 115 and its dependent claims, now Claims 113-114 and 116-131, are now in allowable form.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

The Examiner rejects Claims 112-114, 118-128, and 130-131 as being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 5,414,461 to Kishi et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,817,948 to Simonelli. The Examiner rejects Claims 116-117 as being obvious over Kishi et al. '461 in view of Simonelli